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FOR EUR/RPM, EUR/SOV
FROM USDEL CSCE

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CSCE
SUBJ: EXPULSION OF FRENCH WRITERS

1. FIVE FRENCH WRITERS WERE EXPELLED FROM YUGOSLAVIA JULY 8, APPARENT REASON WAS INTENTION TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE COVERING HUMAN RIGHTS SIIAATION IN SOVIET UNION.

2. ON JULY 7, JEAN-MARIE BENOIST CONTACTED USDEL PRESS OFFICER AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR SHERER, IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS ACADEMICIAN AND WRITER FOR LE MONDE. INTERVIEW WAS ARRANGED FOR FIVE P.M. BECAUSE OF SLIGHT DELAY IN BENOIST'S SCHEDULE, INTERVIEW POSTPONED UNTIL 5:15. AT 5:45, BENOIST CALLED TO SAY THAT HE HAD BEEN MEETING WITH LOCAL REUTERS CORRESPONDENT AT HOTEL MOSKVA, WHERE FRENCH WERE STAYING, AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO KEEP APPOINTMENT, WHICH WE RESCHEDULED FOR NINE A.M. JULY 8.

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3. DELEGATION PRESS OFFICER RETURNED TO HOTEL MOSKVA AT 6:00 P.M., SAW REUTERS CORRESPONDENT LEAVE AND MET BENOIST AND EDITOR COLLEAGUE HALLIER AT DOOR OF HOTEL. CONFIRMED JULY 8 APPOINTMENT. PRESS OFFICER LATER MET LOCAL AFP CORRESPONDENT, WHO INFORMED HER THAT WRITERFDHAD POSSIBLY BEEN PICKED UP BY YUGOSLAV POLICE SINCE THEY DID NOT APPEAR FOR A 7:30 P.M MEETING WITH HIM, TO TRANSMIT

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SEVERAL DOCUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. FRENCH EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE CONFIRMED MORNING JULY 8 THAT GROUP WAS PICKED UP AT HOTEL AT 6:00 P.M. JULY 7. AND EXPELLED AT 9:00 A.M. JULY 8, ABOARD YUGOSLAV AIRLINE FLIGHT TO PARIS. IN ADDITION TO INTENTION TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE, GROUP HAD REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS WITH FRENCH, AUSTRIAN, SWISS AND US DELEGATIONS TO SUBMIT SAME DOCUMENTS. FRENCH PRESS ATTACHE IDENTIFIED BENOIST AS PHILOSOPHER.
THIRD WRITER BEARS GREEK NAME, LIKE YANNAKIS; OTHER NAMES NOT AVAILABLE. PRESS ATTACHE STATED EMBASSY NOT OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES. REUTERS CORRES-PONDENTHUDDED THAT YUGOSLAV POLICE APPEARED AT HOTEL DUR-ING CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH WRITERS AND ENDED THEIR MEETING. REUTERS CORRESPONDENT NOTIFIED FRENCH CONSUL EVENING JULY 7, WHO TRACED WRITERS TO AIRPORT AND SAW THEM THERE MORNING JULY 8.
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